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Farrell returns from Nicaragua

by Rosie Grimm

On Monday, Feb. 4, Sr. Carolyn Farrell, BVM, spoke of her experiences as a BVM representative in Nicaragua. Farrell was in that country from Dec. 27 to Jan. 20. During that time she visited other BVMS who lived and taught there. Farrell

went to Nicaragua as a regional representative of the BVM community and had hoped to come back with a clearer view of the Third World. She admitted, however, that she came home with more questions than answers.

One question Farrell asked was,

"How could so much beauty frame so much poverty?" As she traveled through Nicaragua she saw not only magnificent scenery, but the misery of poverty-stricken families. "It was difficult to appreciate the beauty right in front of you when you realized that there was such grief down the road," she said.

An important event witnessed by Farrell during her stay was the installation of Nicaragua's new government and the inauguration of its new president, Daniel Ortega. In 1978 the dictator, Somoza, was overturned and Nicaragua was established as a democracy. Ortega's inauguration was a positive event for the struggling new government.

According to Farrell, not everyone supports the new government, however. An army that is fighting against the current government wanted a show of strength before the inauguration. That fact led to the capture of innocent villagers,

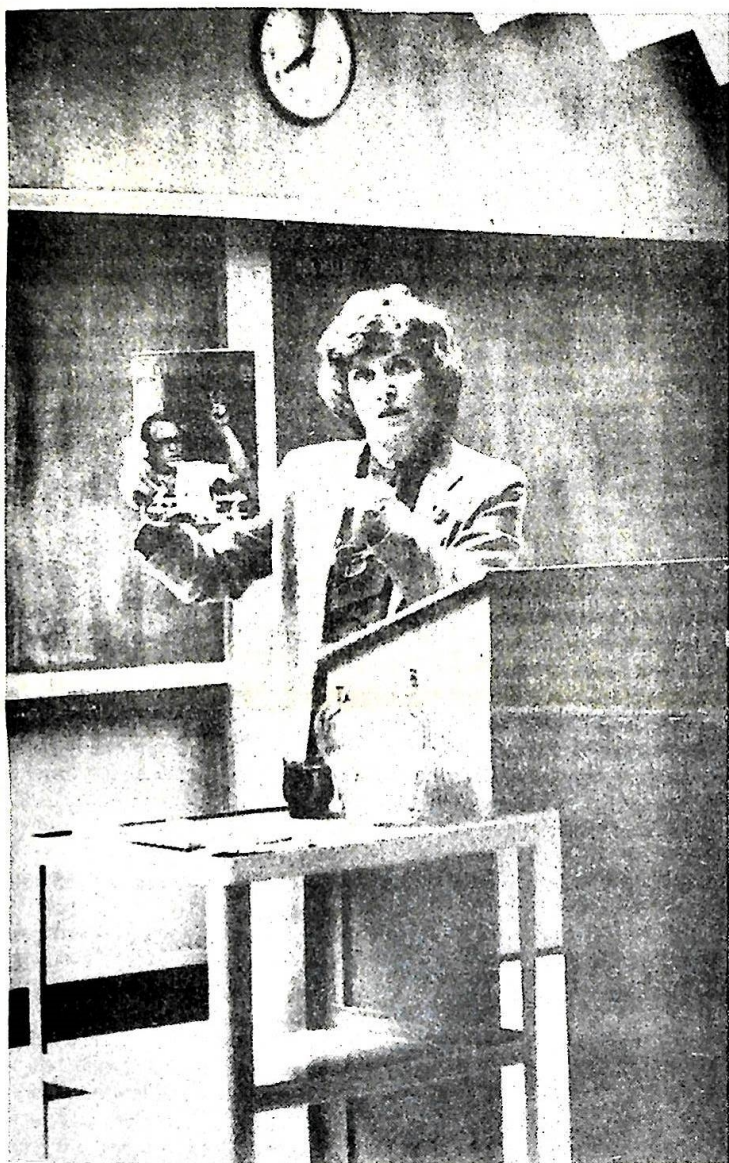
one of whom was Nancy Donovan, a Maryknoll sister. Farrell was with the Maryknollers when they were informed of Donovan's kidnapping. "We watched the sisters move into action," said Farrell. "They wanted straight facts about the incident because in the back of everyone's mind was the remembrance of an earlier killing of three Maryknoll sisters and a lay woman in El Salvador." They did not want the same thing to happen to Donovan.

A few hours later the sisters received word that Donovan had been released, but the villagers had been killed. "The Maryknollers stressed that 14 other people had been killed. They did not want that part missed by the people," Farrell said.

Later in the month Farrell visited the Office of Public Relations, which is the home of the Nicaraguan Literacy Campaign. This program was started in 1980 in an effort to

raise the literacy rate in the small villages throughout the country. "One motto of the campaign is 'Love your neighbor as yourself; teach your neighbor to read,'" recalls Farrell. Another recent program is called the Women of Nicaragua, established in 1984. "There is a very positive feeling among women in the country although many women can still talk about losing sons or husbands in the war," Farrell said. She found that Nicaraguans were not afraid of American soldiers, but of American economy. "Our economic squeeze on that country will really cause the most grief and trouble to the Nicaraguan people. The shelves in supermarkets are bare. Only the most essential foods are available to the natives. People must stand in long lines for meat. There is nothing extra; no eggs, no coffee. It's plain old survival there."

Farrell's presentation was sponsored by Clarke's Amnesty International group.



Nicaraguan Experience

Sr. Carolyn Farrell describes her recent experiences in Nicaragua as a BVM representative to that country.

Member of Dubuque Symphony

Pianist turns to string bass

Kim Oberbroeckling, a senior computer science major from Dubuque, is now in her third season with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. Oberbroeckling, who is minoring in music at Clarke, is no stranger to the worlds of both classical and pop. She began her musical career at the age of eight when her parents sent her off for piano lessons. It was love at first note.

By the time she entered Hempstead High School Oberbroeckling was an accomplished pianist but found the role of a pianist in an orchestra is rather limited. "I was forced to help out weaker sections in the orchestra by supplementing their parts on the piano," she said. "It was at this time my music teacher encouraged me to take up the string bass."

Oberbroeckling continued piano lessons until last year and still continues her studies on the bass. In addition to mastering these two instruments she also plays organ, violin and accordion.

Oberbroeckling joined the Dubuque Youth Symphony in 1980. Donna Sue Peck, director of the orchestra, was influential in securing her position with the Dubuque Symphony in 1982. She has been with the organization since, performing five concerts every year.

As a Clarke student, Oberbroeckling has played with the Clarke All-Star Jazz Ensemble and the Clarke Chamber Orchestra. She is also an organist at Holy Trinity Church in Dubuque.

"I really enjoy my activities with the Symphony and I hope to continue my affiliation after graduation if I remain in Dubuque," she said. "Playing with the orchestra broadens my working knowledge of symphonic music and gives me the opportunity to meet with a group interested in symphony music."

Oberbroeckling says that her interest in music serves as a counterpoint to her interest in computer science. "When I'm frustrated with a program and I can't get it to work, I leave it alone and go play the bass. And, if I'm working on a difficult piece with the bass and I can't get it to

come out right, I can leave my music and go work with the computer. One is a release from the other."

Oberbroeckling also accompanies the Dubuque Choral on occasion.



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Career help available

by Lorna Japsen

This is a busy time of year, especially for seniors. It is almost time to graduate and look for that first big job.

If you don't know where to start, the Career Center is here to help you. Open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., the Center offers tips on resume writing, interviewing skills and job opportunities.

The Career Center's main concern right now is placement assistance for seniors. Louise Ottavi, assistant academic dean, said, "We want to help students find good jobs. Each senior receives a career planning packet and then makes an appointment with Sr. Kate Hendel who sits down with each student to insure that they know how to use the contents of the packet most effectively."

A Career Exploration Day will be held Mar. 12. Approximately 25 employers will be on campus to visit with students and faculty about job opportunities. Although the Exploration Day is not a day for interviews, various recruiters will visit Clarke soon.

Monday, Feb. 18, Bankers Life will interview liberal arts and computer science majors for jobs after graduation.

Friday, Mar. 1, the Meredith Corporation will interview seniors in computer science and will discuss summer co-op positions with other computer science students.

Seniors are not the only ones who can benefit from the Career Center also research summer job openings stop in and browse through the books explaining job opportunities in various major fields.

Sophomores and juniors can also research summer job opening and cooperative education internship possibilities.

The Career Center is in Room 129, Mary Josita Hall. No appointment is necessary to use a wide variety of informational materials.

Updates regarding visiting companies and information regarding upcoming employment workshops will be printed in the Daily Bulletin and in the Courier.

of Events

February 1, 1985

4:35 Computer Club-109 CBH
6:00 Fresh. Class Meeting-MBFL
9:30 Discussion Group-MBFL
TBA Mary Ben Open House Council Meeting-MBFL

Tuesday, February 12

Valogram and Carnation Delivery
4:30 Biology Club Meeting-209 CBH
4:30 Prayer Group-129 CBH
6:30 Liturgy Planning-Upper Dining Room

Wednesday, February 13

9:00 Admin Council-MJCR
3:20 Division Chair Meeting-MS CBH
4:00 Grad. Council-310 CBH
4:30 Peer Minister's Meeting-125 CBH

Thursday, February 14

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New courses to be offered?

by Stacey Blake

Being at a liberal arts college, students, administrators and faculty are in constant search for new ways to improve academic life at Clarke. Recently there has been an underground movement to broaden the appeal of the existing curriculum. Last week a confidential meeting was held in the Mary Fran dorm tunnel in order to discuss a more wholistic approach to education. The meeting resulted in a petition outlining additions to the existing course offerings. They are as follows:

■EN006 SUPERNATURAL LITERATURE: In this course the following occult books will be presented for critical analysis—Jane Eerie, Wuthering Bites and Slime and Punishment.

■PE001 FLICK AND FLOAT: This course is designed to teach chain smokers the mechanics of swimming while smoking.

■PH002 METAPHYSICS FOR FUN AND FITNESS: In this course students will ponder the shape of their big toe while drinking "scoops" at Paul's Tap. Medical clearance is

required.

■PS695 WORKSHOP IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: This course is designed by fourth degree black belts in Tae-Kwon-Do. It involves skillful application of punches, flying kicks and blocks, culminating in the rapid destruction of the opponent.

Because of the course content and the time element involved, students will earn four credits per subject area. Additions may not apply to completion of major field, master's or doctoral studies.

Swimsuits and sweatsuits

It's time for spring exercise

by The High Class Clowns

Now that the weather is beginning to vaguely resemble spring, we all begin to think of swimsuits. After we think of swimsuits we think, "But will it still fit?" Well, if you haven't been exercising, it's high time to start. Some of you should pay special attention if you're planning a trip to the South for spring break. We don't want to hear any excuses.

You say you attended aerobics class once. As the instructor bent at the waist and touched her elbows to the floor, your hands barely reached

your knees? Perhaps you should have attended class more than once. We overheard a student talking about exercising on the basketball court. He said that he only caught up to the ball long enough to make one basket, and that was for the other team. Many of you argue that you get plenty of exercise carrying your books up flights of stairs to your classes. Sorry, even doing that twice an hour won't speed up your metabolism long enough to work off the glass of water you drank while brushing your teeth.

We know, we know—it's tough

to put down your books long enough for the twenty minute workout and you fear that you would miss classes for a week because you would be bed-ridden.

We don't want to hear about your roommate's fear of smelly socks, either. It won't work. It's time to quit thinking of excuses, put on the exercise suit and go to it!

Our biggest fear? You want to know our biggest fear? Well—that we won't be able to fit into our exercise suits to get started.

There are many ways to determine whether or not you're getting older



by Marie Parthun and Charlie Sturm

Do you ever forget how old you are? Like when people ask you your age and you say, "I'm 20, no—21—I think." Years in college can fly by and when you graduate you're in the mid-20 cycle of your life—when you came to school as a teenager.

Between 18-25 can be the best

years of your life if you don't rush them. Savor each year. Know how to detect changes in yourself from year to year so that when you look back it's not just one step but many memorable and maybe not so memorable experiences.

There are signs to look for (and avoid if possible because they mean you are truly entering into the soggy established-adult phase).

•You stock up on Oil of Olay, Porcelana and Grecian Formula instead of Clearasil and Sun-In.

•You start buying polyesters, drab colors and totes instead of shocking pinks and oranges, high-tops and rhinestones.

•You start agreeing with your parents more and more.

•You stop at the Clarke Union grab a yogurt instead of a beer or popcorn.

•You are chicken to go on scary rides at a carnival or fair.

•You get tired out after a couple of downhill ski runs and decide to mope around the lodge for the rest of the day.

•You start attending classes regularly to better your education before you better your social life.

•Political activities that made you drop everything, scrawl some harshly worded signs, grit your teeth and dash out to picket, now make you shrug, put down the paper and plod off to your PTA meeting.

•You start thinking of marriage and kids in a big way.

Canoe trip planned

How would you like to take a five day canoe trip on the Mississippi River and earn up to three semester hours of credit at the same time? Sound fantastic?

The "Mississippi Challenge" is a canoe trip that begins below the bluffs at Bellevue, Ia., and paddles leisurely amid the islands and sandbars of one of the most beautiful and wildlife-rich sections of the entire Mississippi. In five days, participants will travel forty miles. No previous experience is required. The river becomes a classroom and students will learn to live and travel on it while exploring its ecological nature.

Because of a special agreement with Mount St. Clare College, the trip can be worth up to three credits. Two semester hours are offered in BIO 105, Field Studies in Life Science. One semester hour is of-

ferred in PE 140, Canoeing Skills. Either or both courses can be taken for credit at a cost of \$50 per semester hour. There are no prerequisites for either course.

The trip can also be taken without the credit option for less expense. Without taking the credit option, students pay only the base cost for the trip, \$250.

Mark Yuskis, Chairman of the Biology Department at Mount St. Clare College, accompanies each expedition. He combines the knowledge of his science with years of river experience to create a fun approach to education and provide an enriching experience for all.

More information can be obtained by writing for a free brochure from The Mississippi Challenge, Box 993, Clinton, IA, 52732-0993, or by calling (319) 243-7063.

Clarke Choral Festival a success

by Lisa Paulson

On Monday, Feb. 4, the Fourteenth Annual Clarke Choral Festival Concert was held at Nativity Church.

Top vocalists from 16 northeast Iowa high schools rehearsed for the Concert at Clarke on Feb. 3 and 4.

The singers were selected by Clarke's Music Department from rating sheets sent by the students' music directors. A chorus of 150 members was chosen to participate in the festival, including an Honors Choir of 40 students.

New Clarke music students and the Clarke Collegiate Singers assisted during the rehearsals and also sang at the concert.

Under the direction of John Lease, the students sang a variety of musical selections from the 1984-85 Iowa All-State Music Festival.

The program included "The Joy of Mary," by Don Neuen; Johannes Brahms' "Der Abend"; "Lauda Jerusalem," by Niccola Porpora; and "Soon-Ah Will Be Done," arranged by William Dawson.

Other selections were Felix Mendelssohn's "How Lovely Are the Messengers," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band," by Irving Berlin. The Honors Choir sang "Rejoice in the Lord," by Sidney Hodkinson.

The concert at Nativity Church was a great success, according to Lease. "It went very well. In fact, we even received a standing ovation, which has never happened before."

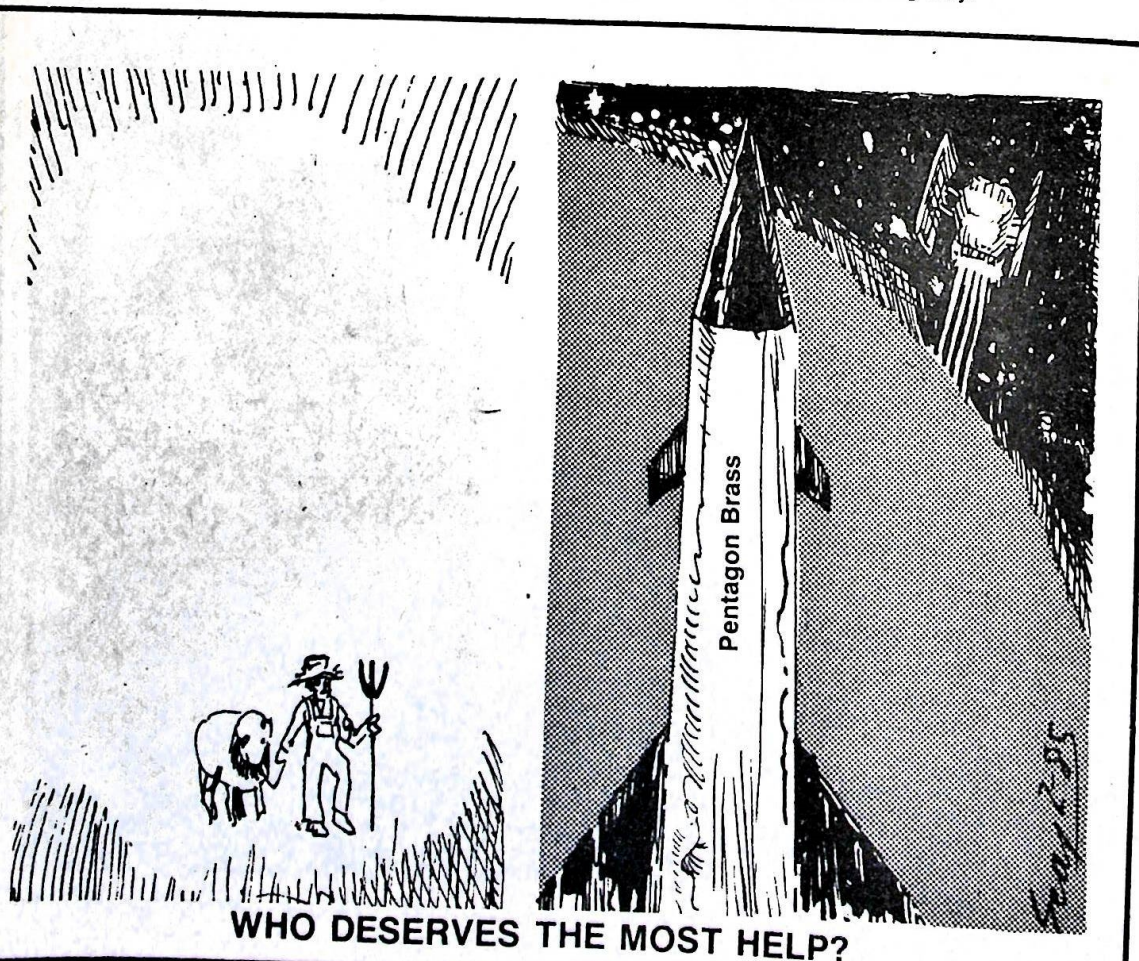
Many Clarke students who participated in the festival felt that the event was an excellent opportunity for high school students to learn new vocal techniques.

Lease said that some of the schools have participated in all 14 of Clarke's festivals.

Upcoming activities for the Clarke Collegiate Singers include an appearance at St. Raphael's Cathedral for the Archbishop's First Anniversary Celebration on Feb. 22. Plans for a tour East in late spring are underway, although they have not yet been finalized. The group will, however, perform for a group of high schools in Chicago Mar. 29 through Apr. 3 as it travels the United States.

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WHO DESERVES THE MOST HELP?

Students learn problems of the 'real world'

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tacted her, informed her that the position was opened and scheduled an interview.

"I like what I'm doing because I want to stay in this field after graduation," Fallaw said. "But, I'm also learning that politics is not an easy business."

As a short term goal Fallaw would like to work as a congressional aide in Washington, D.C. Her long term goals include going into law and continuing her involvement in politics.

Fallaw is an undeclared communication major with minors in history and political science.

Swanson has an internship with KLXL Radio as a news reporter. "One thing I like about my internship

is that I get to go where the news is happening," he said. "I have to schedule my time wisely. I'm learning radio reporting, critical thinking and better communication skills."

Gunnar is still "searching out" what he really wants for a career. "The experience I'm getting with this

internship will help me determine my long range goals, which are wide open right now. I'm not sure what I'm going to do. Currently, of course, I'm exploring radio to see how that profession really works."

Swanson is an undeclared communication major with a minor in drama.



Sophomore Tara Fallaw catches up on her internship duties for the office of Congressman Tom Tauke. Fallaw is one of many Clarke students who have internships this semester.

Intramurals gain popularity

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Several intramural programs are already underway. Coed, women's and men's volleyball; water exercise classes, taught by Cynthia Arenz, an instructor from the YWCA; and the aerobics class, taught by Mary King, have already begun.

Last semester 17 different intramural events were offered and response was good, according to Holland. He is confident that participation will improve this semester because of the integration of non-traditional sports such as croquet and archery.

"I would like to find a sport for everyone," Holland said. "A healthy mind desires a healthy body and these programs will help students achieve just that."

Interest in the programs is high. The volleyball competition comprises 14 teams; two men's, five women's and seven coed, with about 150 students, faculty and staff participating.



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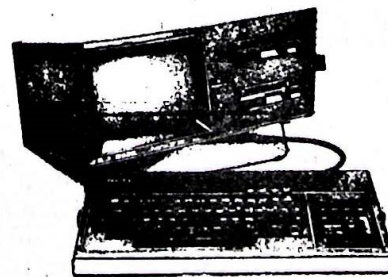
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